

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended)

A closure and container package that includes:

a container having a finish with a mouth opening through which product is both filled into and dispensed from said container, and

a closure including:

a base mounted on said finish and having an opening aligned with said mouth opening of said container finish, and

a lid connected to said base by ~~a~~ an integrally molded hinge to pivot between an open position in which said lid is spaced from said opening in said base and a closed position in which said lid is adjacent to said base, said base, said lid and said hinge together being of one-piece integrally molded construction.

~~said lid including means for engaging said mouth opening or said opening in said base to close said opening in said base in said closed position of said lid~~

a fitment removably mounted on said lid and having a dispensing opening.
and

means on said fitment and on said finish or said closure base for permanently securing said fitment to said finish or said base, first movement of said lid from said open to said closed position, after filling of said container through said mouth and base openings, removing said fitment from mounting on said lid and permanently securing said fitment to said finish or said base such that movement of said lid to said open position after said first movement leaves said fitment secured to said finish or said base and

21 permits dispensing of product from said package through said dispensing opening in said
22 fitment.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended)

1 The package set forth in claim 2 1 wherein said fitment includes an
2 elastomeric dispensing valve in which said dispensing opening is disposed.

4. (Currently Amended)

1 The package set forth in claim 2 1 wherein said fitment has an annular wall
2 with a circumferential bead to engage said mouth opening or said opening in said base to
3 secure said fitment to said finish or said base.

5. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 4 wherein said finish includes a circumferential
2 bead over which said bead on said fitment wall is received during said first movement of
3 said lid to said closed position.

6. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 4 wherein said closure base has an annular
2 wall over which said bead on said fitment wall is received during said first movement of
3 said lid to said closed position.

7. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 6 wherein said annular wall on said closure
2 base is in plug sealing engagement with said mouth opening.

8. (Currently Amended)

1 The package set forth in claim 2 1 wherein said fitment has an open
2 dispensing opening, and wherein said lid has a spud on which said dispensing opening on
3 said fitment is removably mounted, said spud being adapted to plug seal said dispensing
4 opening after said first movement of said lid.

9. (Currently Amended)

1 The package set forth in claim 2 1 wherein said lid has an annular wall and
2 said fitment has an annular wall initially coupled to said annular wall on said lid, first
3 movement of said lid to said closed position securing said fitment to said closure base ~~on~~
4 or said container finish, subsequent opening of said lid releasing coupling between said lid
5 and said fitment.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended)

1 A closure and container package that includes:

2 a container having a finish with a mouth opening through which product is
3 both filled into and dispensed from said container, and

4 a closure including:

5 a base mounted on said finish and having an opening aligned with said
6 mouth opening of said container finish,

7 a lid coupled to said base by ~~a an integrally molded~~ hinge to pivot between
8 an open position in which said lid is spaced from said base and a closed position in which
9 said lid is adjacent to said base, said base, said lid and said hinge together being of one-
10 piece integrally molded construction, and

11 a fitment removably carried by said lid and having a dispensing opening, said
12 fitment including a snap bead for snap-engaging said finish or said closure base to secure
13 said fitment to said one of said finish and said base,

14 such that said package is adapted to be filled with product through said
15 closure base opening and said mouth opening with said lid in said open position and said
16 fitment carried by said lid, and said lid thereafter moved to said closed position to remove
17 said fitment from said lid, secure said bead on said fitment to said container finish or said
18 closure base and ~~to~~ position said dispensing opening in alignment with said mouth
19 opening, movement of said lid to said open position thereafter leaving said fitment secured
20 by said bead to said finish or said base and permitting dispensing of product through said
21 dispensing opening of said fitment.

12. (Currently Amended)

1 The package set forth in claim 11 wherein said dispensing opening on said
2 fitment is open, and wherein said lid includes a spud on which said fitment is initially
3 removably ~~carried~~ mounted, said spud functioning as a plug seal in said dispensing
4 opening in said closed position of said lid after securement of said fitment to said one of
5 said container finish and said closure base.

13. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 11 wherein said fitment includes an
2 elastomeric dispensing valve in which said dispensing opening is disposed.

14. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 11 wherein said fitment has an annular wall
2 on which said snap bead is disposed to engage said one of said finish and said base.

15. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 14 wherein said finish includes a
2 circumferential bead over which said bead on said fitment wall is received during said first
3 movement of said lid to said closed position.

16. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 14 wherein said closure base has an annular
2 wall over which said bead on said fitment wall is received during said first movement of
3 said lid to said closed position.

17. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 16 wherein said annular wall on said closure
2 base is in plug sealing engagement with said mouth opening.

18. (Withdrawn)

1 A closure and container package that includes:
2 a container having a finish with a mouth opening through which product is
3 both filled into and dispensed from said container, and
4 a closure including:
5 a closure base mounted on said finish and having an opening in alignment
6 with said mouth opening of said container finish,
7 a lid coupled to said base by an integrally molded hinge to pivot between an
8 open position in which said lid is spaced from said base and a closed position in which said
9 lid is adjacent to said base, said lid having a spud for alignment with said opening in said
10 base in said closed position of said lid, and
11 a fitment having a dispensing opening removably received over said spud
12 and an annular peripheral wall including a snap bead for engaging one of said container
13 finish and said closure base to secure said fitment to said one of said container finish and

14 said closure base after filling of the container through said opening in said closure base
15 and said mouth opening.

19. (Withdrawn)

1 The package set forth in claim 18 wherein said finish includes a
2 circumferential bead over which said bead on said fitment wall is adapted to be received.

20. (Withdrawn)

1 The package set forth in claim 18 wherein said closure base has an annular
2 wall over which said bead on said fitment wall is adapted to be received.

21. (Withdrawn)

1 The package set forth in claim 20 wherein said annular wall on said closure
2 base is in plug sealing engagement with said mouth opening.

22. (Currently Amended)

1 A closure and container package that includes:
2 a container having a finish with a mouth opening through which product is
3 both filled into and dispensed from said container, and
4 a closure including:
5 a closure base mounted on said finish and having an opening in alignment
6 with said mouth opening of said container finish,

7 a lid coupled to said base by ~~an integrally molded~~ a hinge to pivot between
8 an open position in which said lid is spaced from said base and a closed position in which
9 said lid is adjacent to said base, said lid having an annular wall aligned with said opening
10 on said base wall when said lid is in said closed position, said base, said lid and said hinge
11 together being of one-piece integrally molded construction, and

12 a fitment having an elastomeric dispensing valve, a first annular wall
13 removably ~~coupled~~ mounted to said annular wall on said lid, and a second annular wall
14 including a snap bead for engaging one of said container finish and said closure base to
15 secure said fitment and said dispensing valve to said one of said container finish and said
16 closure base after filling of said container through said opening in said closure base and
17 said mouth opening.

23. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 22 wherein said finish includes a
2 circumferential bead over which said bead on said fitment wall is adapted to be received.

24. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 22 wherein said closure base has an annular
2 wall over which said bead on said fitment wall is adapted to be received.

25. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 24 wherein said annular wall on said closure
2 base is in plug sealing engagement with said mouth opening.

26. (Withdrawn)

1 A closure and container package that includes:
2 a container having a finish with a mouth opening through which product is
3 both filled into and dispensed from said container, and
4 a closure including:
5 a closure base mounted on said finish and having an opening in alignment
6 with said mouth opening of said container finish,
7 a lid coupled to said base by an integrally molded hinge to pivot between an
8 open position in which said lid is spaced from said base and a closed position in which said
9 lid overlies said opening in said base,
10 said lid including means for permanently securing said lid to said base
11 overlying and closing said opening in said base after filling said container with product
12 through said opening in said base, said closure being removable from said finish to
13 dispense product through said mouth opening.

27. (Withdrawn)

1 The package set forth in claim 26 wherein said means for permanently
2 securing said lid comprises an annular wall on said lid for receipt through said opening in
3 said base and a snap bead on said annular wall.

28. (Currently Amended)

1 A dispensing closure for mounting on a container having a finish with an open
2 mouth, said closure including:

3 a base for mounting on the container finish and having an opening for
4 alignment with the mouth opening of the container finish,

5 a lid coupled to said base by ~~an integrally molded~~ a hinge to pivot between
6 an open position in which said lid is spaced from said base and a closed position in which
7 said lid is adjacent to said base, said base, said lid and said hinge together being of one-
8 piece integrally molded construction, and

9 a fitment removably ~~carried by~~ mounted on said lid and having a dispensing
10 opening, said fitment including a snap bead for engaging the container finish or said
11 closure base permanently to secure said fitment to said one of the finish and said base.

29. (Original)

1 The closure set forth in claim 28 wherein said dispensing opening on said
2 fitment is open, and wherein said lid includes a spud on which said fitment is initially
3 removably carried, said spud functioning as a plug seal in said dispensing opening in said
4 closed position of said lid after securement of said fitment to the container finish or said
5 closure base.

30. (Original)

1 The closure set forth in claim 28 wherein said fitment includes an elastomeric
2 dispensing valve in which said dispensing opening is disposed.

31. (Original)

1 The closure set forth in claim 28 wherein said fitment has an annular wall on
2 which said snap bead is disposed to engage the container finish or said closure base.

32. (Original)

1 The closure set forth in claim 31 wherein said bead on said fitment wall is
2 adapted to be received over a circumferential bead on the container finish.

33. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 31 wherein said closure base has an annular
2 wall over which said bead on said fitment wall is adapted to be received.

34. (Original)

1 The package set forth in claim 33 wherein said annular wall on said closure
2 base is adapted to be in plug sealing engagement with the mouth opening of the container
3 finish.

35. (Withdrawn)

1 A closure for mounting on a container having a finish with an open mouth,
2 said closure including:

3 a closure base adapted to be mounted on the container finish and having an
4 opening for alignment with the mouth opening of the container finish,

5 a lid coupled to said base by an integrally molded hinge to pivot between an
6 open position in which said lid is spaced from said base and a closed position in which said
7 lid overlies said opening in said base,

8 said lid including means for permanently securing said lid to said base
9 overlying and closing said opening in said base after filling of the container with product
10 through said opening in said base, said closure being adapted to be removable from the
11 container finish to dispense product through the mouth opening of the container finish.

36. (Withdrawn)

1 The closure set forth in claim 35 wherein said means for permanently
2 securing said lid comprises an annular wall on said lid for receipt through said opening in
3 said base and a snap bead on said annular wall.

37. (Withdrawn)

1 A method of making a dispensing closure that comprises the steps of:
2 (a) integrally molding a closure base with means for mounting on a
3 container finish, a lid and a hinge pivotally coupling said lid to said base, and

4 (b) removably mounting a fitment on said lid, said fitment having a
5 dispensing opening and an annular peripheral wall with a snap bead.

38. (Withdrawn)

1 A method of packaging a product within a container that comprises the steps
2 of:

- 3 (a) providing a container having a finish with a mouth opening,
4 (b) mounting on said finish a dispensing closure having a base with an
5 opening aligned with said mouth opening, a lid coupled to said base by an integrally
6 molded hinge, and a fitment removably carried by said lid,
7 (c) with said lid open, filling said container with product through said
8 opening in said closure base and said mouth opening, and then
9 (d) closing said lid over said opening in said base such that said fitment
10 becomes secured to one of said closure base and said finish, said lid thereafter being
11 openable to dispense product through said dispensing opening.

39. (New)

1 A closure and container package that includes:
2 a container having a finish with a mouth opening through which product is
3 both filled into and dispensed from said container, and
4 a closure including:
5 a base mounted on said finish and having an opening aligned with said
6 mouth opening of said container finish, and

7 a lid connected to said base by a hinge to pivot between an open position in
8 which said lid is spaced from said opening in said base and a closed position in which said
9 lid is adjacent to said base, said base, said lid and said hinge together being of one-piece
10 integrally molded construction,

11 said lid including means for permanent securement to said base permanently
12 closing said opening in said base upon said first movement to said closed position, said
13 container finish and said closure base including means for removing said closure from said
14 finish to permit dispensing of product through said mouth opening.